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In re application of
Ratnam Sooriyakumaran et al.
Serial No. 10//079,289
Filed: February 19, 2002
For: FLUORINATED SILSEQUIOXANE POLYMERS
AND USE THEROF IN LITHOGRAPHIC PHOTORESIST
COMPOSITIONS

DECISION ON
PETITION

This is a response to the PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.181, filed August 20, 2004. The petition requests that the abandonment, as set forth in the Notice of Abandonment of June 28, 2004, for failure to timely file a proper reply to the Office letter mailed November 19, 2003 be withdrawn since the applicants did timely file a reply on December 19, 2003. (Copies of the papers filed December 19, 2003 are attached to the instant petition as well as a copy of the USPTO date stamped postcard receipt dated December 22, 2003.)

DECISION

The instant request has been accepted as a petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.181 (no fee) - no abandonment-in-fact. A review of the evidence presented reveals that applicant's reply was properly filed on December 19, 2003 as evidenced by the USPTO date stamped return receipt postcard indicating receipt of the reply at the USPTO on December 22, 2003. Accordingly, any holding of abandonment for failure to timely file a proper reply to the Office letter mailed June 28, 2003 is hereby vacated, and the application is returned to pending status.

The application shall be forwarded to the examiner for entry, processing and consideration of the reply originally filed December 19, 2003.

The Petition is **GRANTED**.

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